REMARKS

Claims 70 and 72-78 are all the claims pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 70, 72, 73 and 76 have been amended. Applicants note that claims 70 and 72-78 were previously allowed as indicated in the Notice of Allowability dated April 13, 2004.

Applicants submit that claims 70 and 72-78 are patentable over the references cited by the Examiner. Further, Applicants submit that claims 70 and 72-78 recite limitations that are not present in claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,359,846, and therefore, that an obviousness-type double patenting rejection is inapplicable to claims 70 and 72-78.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

""HE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED

Respectfully submitted,

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